

IN THE CLAIMS

40. (Currently amended) A ~~portable~~ device comprising:
unauthorized separation detection means arranged to detect ~~the unauthorized separation of the portable device from a person~~release of a releasable connector connecting the device to a person; and
control means arranged to effect at least partial disablement of the ~~portable~~ device in response to the ~~unauthorized separation of the portable device and person, wherein the unauthorized separation detection means are means for detecting the release of a releasable connector connecting the portable device to the person~~release of the releasable connector.
41. (Currently amended) The A ~~portable~~ device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the releasable connector comprises a strap.
42. (Currently amended) The A ~~portable~~ device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the releasable connector is released by severance.
43. (Currently amended) The A ~~portable~~ device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the unauthorized separation detection means detects the interruption of a closed conductive path via the releasable connector.
44. (Currently amended) The A ~~portable~~ device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the ~~portable~~ device comprises a cellular radio transceiver.
45. (Currently amended) The A ~~portable~~ device as claimed in claim 44, wherein the control means is arranged to effect at least partial disablement of the ~~portable~~ device by controlling the cellular radio transceiver to transmit a disable message instructing the at least partial disablement of the portable device.
46. (Currently amended) The A ~~portable~~ device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the ~~portable~~ device is or comprises a cellular mobile telephone for operation in a cellular communications network and the control means is arranged to effect at least partial

disablement of the ~~portable~~-device by sending a disabling message to the cellular communications network instructing the cellular communications network to disable normal operation of the telephone in the cellular communications network.

47. (Currently amended) A cellular telephone network comprising a ~~portable~~-device as claimed in claim 46 wherein the mobile telephone comprises a handset and a replaceable card, which enables the handset to operate as a telephone in the network, and the network is responsive to the disabling message sent by the mobile telephone to disable the card from normal use in the network and/or to disable the handset from normal use in the network.
48. (Currently amended) A ~~portable~~-device, comprising:
a releasable connector arranged to connect the ~~portable~~-device to a person and arranged to release the connection of the ~~portable~~-device to the person if the device is grabbed while connected to the person; and
~~control means~~-a controller arranged to effect at least partial disablement of the ~~portable~~ device in response to the release of the releasable connector.
49. (Currently amended) The ~~A-portable~~-device as claimed in claim 48, wherein the releasable connector comprises a strap.
50. (Currently amended) The ~~A-portable~~-device as claimed in claim 48, wherein the releasable connector is released by severance.
51. (Currently amended) The ~~A-portable~~-device as claimed in claim 64, wherein the ~~unauthorized separation detection means~~ detector is arranged to detects the interruption of a closed conductive path via the releasable connector.
52. (Currently amended) The ~~A-portable~~-device as claimed in claim 48, further comprising a radio transmitter wherein the ~~control means~~-controller is arranged to control the radio transmitter to send a message in response to the release of the releasable connector.

53. (Currently amended) ~~The A-portable~~ device as claimed in claim 48, wherein the device is or comprises a cellular mobile telephone having a radio transmitter for operation in a cellular communications network and the ~~control means~~ controller is arranged to control the radio transmitter to send a disabling message to the cellular communications network instructing the cellular communications network to disable normal operation of the telephone in the cellular communications network.
54. (Currently amended) A ~~portable~~ device comprising:
~~unauthorized separation detection means~~ a detector arranged to detect the unauthorized separation of the ~~portable~~ device from a counterpart device worn by a person by detecting the diminution of a radio link between the device and the counterpart device; and
~~control means~~ a controller arranged to effect partial disablement of the ~~portable~~ device in response to the unauthorized separation of the ~~portable~~ device and the counterpart device; ~~wherein the portable device and the counterpart device are arranged to form a radio frequency wireless couple, the diminution of which is detectable by the unauthorized separation detection means.~~
55. (Currently amended) ~~The A-portable~~ device as claimed in claim 54, wherein the ~~portable~~ device comprises a cellular radio transceiver.
56. (Currently amended) ~~The A-portable~~ device as claimed in claim 55, wherein the ~~control means~~ controller is arranged to effect partial disablement of the ~~portable~~ device by controlling the cellular radio transceiver to transmit a disable message instructing the partial disablement of the portable device.
57. (Currently amended) ~~The A-portable~~ device as claimed in claim 54, wherein the ~~portable~~ device is a mobile telephone comprising a handset and a replaceable card and the ~~control means~~ controller is arranged to effect partial disablement of the mobile telephone by locking the handset to the replaceable card.
58. (Currently amended) ~~The A-portable~~ device as claimed in claim 54 wherein the ~~portable~~ device is or comprises a cellular mobile telephone for operation in a cellular communications network and the ~~control means~~ controller is arranged to effect partial

disablement of the ~~portable~~-device by sending a disabling message to the cellular communications network instructing the cellular communications network to disable normal operation of the telephone in the cellular communications network.

59. (Currently amended) A ~~portable~~-device wearable by a person comprising:
~~unauthorized separation detection means~~ a detector arranged to detect the unauthorized separation of the ~~portable~~-device from a counterpart device by detecting the diminution of a radio link between the device and the counterpart device; and
~~control means~~ a controller arranged to effect partial disablement of the counterpart device in response to the unauthorized separation of the ~~portable~~-device and counterpart device, ~~wherein the portable device and the counterpart device are arranged to form a radio frequency wireless couple, the diminution of which is detectable by the unauthorized separation detection means~~ by controlling a transceiver to transmit a radio command to the counterpart device.
60. (Currently amended) The A ~~portable~~-device as claimed in claim 59, wherein the counterpart device comprises a cellular radio transceiver or mobile telephone.
61. (Currently amended) The A ~~portable~~-device as claimed in claim 60, wherein the counterpart device comprises ~~control means~~ a controller arranged to effect partial disablement of the counterpart device by controlling the cellular radio transceiver to transmit a disable message instructing the at least partial disablement of the counterpart device.
62. (Currently amended) The A ~~portable~~-device as claimed in claim 59, wherein the counterpart device is a mobile telephone comprising a handset, a replaceable card and ~~control means~~ a controller wherein the ~~control controller means~~ is arranged to effect partial disablement of the mobile telephone by locking the handset to the replaceable card.
63. (Currently amended) A ~~portable~~-device, comprising:
unauthorized removal means arranged to detect the unauthorized removal of the device from a person porting the device; and

control means arranged to effect partial disablement of the device in response to the unauthorized removal of the device from the person porting the device.

64. (Currently amended) The A-portable device as claimed in claim 48, further comprising ~~unauthorised separation detection means~~ a detector for detecting the release of the releasable connector from the ~~portable~~ device.

65. (Currently amended) The A-portable device as claimed in claim 54, wherein the ~~portable~~ device is a mobile telephone that is ~~capable of making~~ operable to make emergency calls when it is partially disabled.

66. (Currently amended) The A-portable device as claimed in claim 59, wherein the counterpart device is a mobile telephone that is ~~capable of making~~ operable to make emergency calls when it is partially disabled.

67. (New) The A device as claimed in claim 54, wherein when the device is partially disabled, it is only capable of restricted use.

68. (New) The A-device as claimed in claim 59, wherein when the counterpart device is partially disabled, it is only capable of restricted use.